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In re Application of :
J. Aaron Bly, David T. Spieldenner, :
Aaron Roth, Patrick O'Brien, :
Andrew F. Suhy, Jr., and :
Brent Parent :
Application No. 09/990,911 :
Filed: November 14, 2001 :
Title: System and Method for :
Disposing of Assets :

DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

This is in response to the "Response to Decision Refusing Status under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed by facsimile transmission on December 29, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on November 14, 2001, without an executed oath or declaration. J. Aaron Bly, David Spieldenner, Aaron Roth, Patrick O'Brien, Andrew Suhy, Jr., and Brent Parent were named as joint inventors. In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted," mailed December 6, 2001, applicants timely filed the initial petition under § 1.47.

The initial petition was dismissed for failure to provide proof that non-signing inventors Suhy and Parent refused to sign the Declaration after having been presented with the application papers and because the declaration was not in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 115 and 37 CFR § 1.63 (Decision mailed May 31, 2002). Subsequent requests for reconsideration were dismissed for failure to submit an acceptable declaration (Decisions mailed September 30, 2002; October 21, 2002; November 19, 2002; July 23, 2003; and October 29, 2003).

On instant request for reconsideration, rule 47 applicants filed a declaration executed by inventors Bly, Spieldenner, Roth and O'Brien on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing inventors Suhy and Parent. This declaration has been reviewed and is found acceptable. Petitioner has now met all requirements for a grantable petition under § 1.47(a).

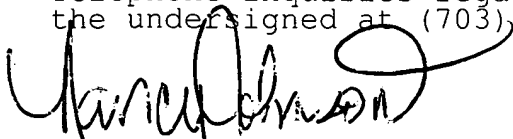
This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in new Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the

address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for completion of pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", is written over the typed name.

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